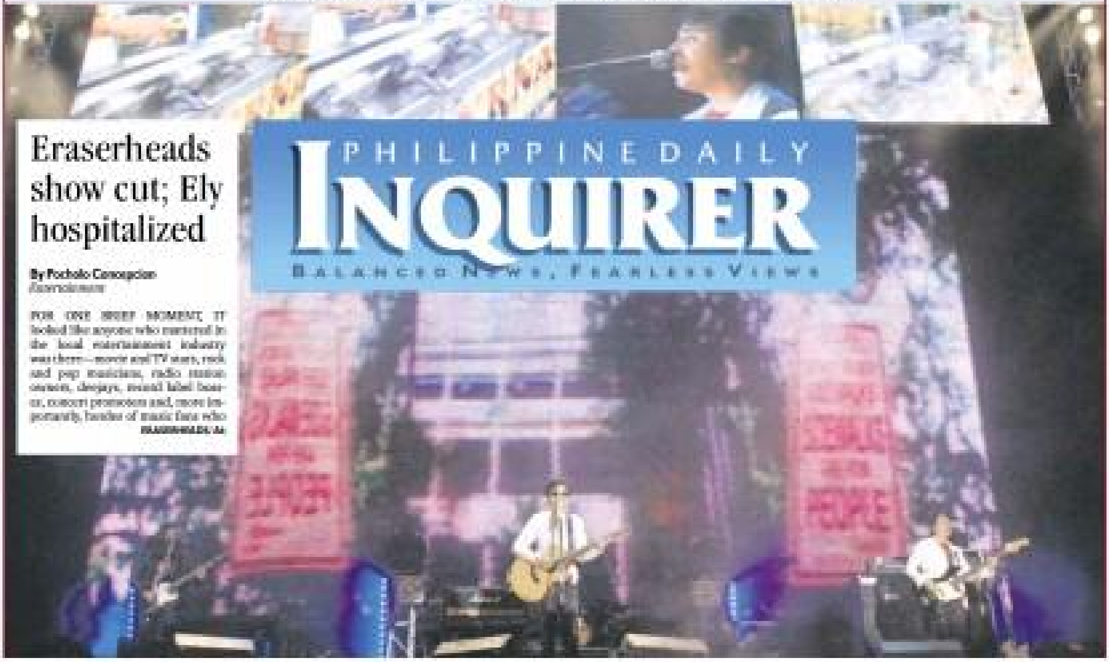
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BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS



Eraserheads show cut; Ely hospitalized

By Pocholo Concepcion
Entertainment

FOR ONE BRIEF MOMENT, IT looked like anyone who mattered in the local entertainment industry was there—movie and TV stars, rock and pop musicians, radio station owners, deejays, record label bosses, concert promoters and, more importantly, hordes of music fans who

ERASERHEADS A6

SHOW TIME The Eraserheads, featuring front man Ely Buendia (center), performs with giant video screens as backdrop at a reunion concert at Bonifacio Global City in Taguig.

Fighting continues as Ramadan begins

Full-blown war looms, says MILF

THE MORO ISLAMIC LIBERation Front (MILF) yesterday warned of a full-blown war with the peace process "in purgatory" after the government told the Supreme Court on Friday that a Moro homeland deal had been scrapped.

MILF chief negotiator Mohagher Iqbal told Reuters news agency that the MILF was no longer confident it could strike a final peace agreement under President Macapagal-Arroyo's administration.

"We might as well wait for the next president after the 2010 elections," Iqbal said. "She is just trying to save her own neck. That's why she was not willing to defend the peace agreement and was also willing to sacrifice everything just to stay in power."

The MILF yesterday said a government offensive against two of its com-

FIGHTING A6



MAGSAYSAY AWARDEES The winners of the 2008 Ramon Magsaysay Awards are honored during ceremonies at the Cultural Center of the Philippines. From left: Gov. Ma. Grace Padaca of the Philippines (government service), Therdchai Jivacate of Thailand (public service), Card MRI, represented by founder Jaime Aristotle Alip (public service), Mandakini and Prakash Amte of India (community leadership), Akio Ashi of Japan (journalism, literature and creative communication arts), Ahmad Syafii Maarif of Indonesia (peace and international understanding), and Ananda Galappatti of Sri Lanka (emergent leadership).

Terrorists hijack God, says RM awardee

By Ma. Ceres P. Doyo

A MAN WITH AN EASY LAUGH, Ahmad Syafii Maarif does not look like the stereotypical intellectual and Islamic scholar with the beard and intense stare. Maarif is very much himself in his batik shirt, an Asian man at home in a world so diverse and so complex.

Maarif, 73, an Indonesian, is one of the seven 2008 Ramon Magsaysay (RM) awardees honored yesterday by the RM Award Foundation (RMAF). Maarif is the awardee for Peace and International Understanding, a category that "recognizes contributions to the advancement of friendship, tolerance, peace, and solidarity as the foundations for sustainable development within and across countries."

The RMAF chose Maarif for "guiding Muslims to embrace tolerance and plu-

TERRORISTS A6

High food prices, fear of violence mar holy month

MUSLIMS ACROSS THE WORLD ARE preparing for the holy month of Ramadan amid sharp hikes in food prices, and in the Philippines and many other countries, an ever-present fear of violence.

The start of Ramadan, the ninth and holiest month in the Muslim calendar, is traditionally determined by the sighting of a new moon, which often divides rival Islamic nations over exactly when to begin the festival.

For the month, followers are required to abstain from food, drink and sex from dawn to dusk. Activity peaks between "iftar," the breaking of the fast at sunset, and "suhur," the last meal of the day before sunrise.

Daily life slows down with many

HIGH FOOD A6

SC finds gov't positions on MOA confusing

By Amando Doronila

ANALYSIS

FRIDAY'S SUPREME COURT HEARING on the petitions seeking to declare unconstitutional the suspended memorandum of agreement (MOA) on the establishment of a Bangsamoro homeland saw the government struggling to define the creature that it sought to set up in Mindanao.

At the hearing, the MOA changed colors as quickly as a chameleon making its way through every sort of foliage in a rain forest.

SC FINDS A6

Hunting season opens anew for Inquirer's Guyito

By Marlon Irene V. Ramolang

THE HUNT FOR GUYITO—THE PHIlippine Daily Inquirer's rainbow mascot—is on again.



Starting today, the Inquirer is launching its second Guyito Wild Hunt promo—a hunt meant to promote the joy of reading while offering Inquirer readers fun, excitement and prizes.

Along with a coupon, Guyito will appear in the newspaper every day from Sept. 1 to Nov. 30. The Guyito that is

HUNTING A6

ATENEO STUDY

Civilian, military groups differ on Edsa I

By TJ Burgonio

TO CIVILIANS, EDSA PEOPLE POWER I was a courageous uprising showing the importance of citizens in saving democracy.

Soldiers, however, view the 1986 revolt as a military coup that failed after civilians took over, and say it shows that military intervention is needed to save democracy.

Also, civilians see People Power I as a success. Their military counterparts regard it as a flop.

All this came to light in a study by Ateneo de Manila University's Department of Psychology and Institute of Philippine Culture, which shows how disparate the views and feelings of the two groups are about the Edsa I that ousted Ferdinand Marcos.

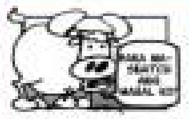
The civilian respondents described People Power I as courageous, successful, strong, admirable and good.

And their military counterparts? Exactly the opposite.

"Their story is linked to how people want to feel about their group self, and that feeling of and thinking about group self also shapes the kind of story that the group holds," Ateneo's political psychologist Cristina Montiel explained.

"Even if the same thing happened to all of us, we have different stories in our collective mind."

CIVILIAN A11



Remember a loved one—as a diamond

CHUR, SWITZERLAND—Diamonds really are forever.

Algordanza, a small company based in the mountainous southeast of Switzerland, uses the ashes of dead people to make diamonds as a permanent memento for their nearest and dearest.

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Ilaga to make things worse – Piñol

Vigilante group in Mindanao says defense, not assault, on its agenda

COTABATO CITY—NORTH COTABATO VICE Gov. Emmanuel Piñol yesterday warned reviving the Ilaga movement could only turn the conflict in Central Mindanao from bad to worse.

No to disbanding

Support from Moro

Founder of original group



Modernization to stop the bleeding – Gordon

By Allison W. Lopez

Tiya Dely suffers stroke

By Bayani San Diego Jr.



EVERYONE'S Tiya Dely

Divers fail to find plane

Joey de Venecia eyeing pa's House seat









GUYITO WILD HUNT Officers of the Philippine Daily Inquirer and Samsung Philippines hold their Guyito mascots during the signing of a memorandum of agreement on the second Guyito Wild Hunt Promo. From left: Aileen Belmonte, PDI marketing services coordinator; Jose Adorable, PDI AVP for marketing; Jerry Liwag, Samsung general manager for corporate marketing; Pio Raque, Chef country director for Samsung Electronics Philippines; Pepito Ubarra, PDI vice president for marketing; and Georgene Barrera of Samsung.





Hunting season opens for Guyito

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the object of the hunt will always be accompanied by a coupon.

Readers wishing to participate in the promo should fill out the coupon, cut it out, and send it as an entry to the Inquirer through postal mail or through drop boxes found in participating outlets mentioned below.

The "Guyito Wild Hunt 2008" gives Inquirer readers a chance to explore the different sections of the Inquirer as they search its pages for the Guyito coupon, PDI assistant vice president and marketing director Jose Adorable said.

Noting the success of the first Guyito Wild Hunt in 2006, Adorable said the Inquirer deemed it is time to roll out yet another fun-filled event for Guyito fans out there.

PDI senior vice president for marketing and sales Rene Belmonte said the first Guyito Wild Hunt promo yielded more than a million raffle entries nationwide.

Value of reading

But more than the prizes that participants will get, what really matters, Belmonte said, "is the opportunity for the Inquirer's current and potential readers to explore deeper into the world of what the paper can truly offer, being a premium product and continuing its affordability, which no other newspaper can offer."

"The Guyito Wild Hunt enhances the value of reading as an effective tool for the readers' personal and professional advancement," Belmonte said.

"This is also a way of giving our readers a welcome respite, especially during these challenging times."

Symbol of hardworking Pinoy

Belmonte said that as a modern mascot, Guyito had become the symbol of "an intelligent, diligent and hardworking" Filipino.

"These attributes of the Filipino have created an emotional attachment to readers whenever they read the Inquirer, inspiring more readers to line up in these attributes," he said.

And the Guyito Wild Hunt is one way of encouraging people to make reading a daily habit.

Increased newspaper readership means better awareness and appreciation of what is happening around us, according to Belmonte. And, by getting readers involved in issues around them, newspapers also help them play the role of catalysts for change.

"They are the driving force behind many positive developments and changes that have transpired in our country over the last two decades," Belmonte said.

"It is also about the Inquirer changing and inspiring lives of people for the better."

Samsung, Discovery Hotels

The Inquirer recently signed a memorandum of agreement with two of its major partners, making it possible for the newspaper to line up great prizes for this year's Guyito Wild Hunt.

Among the paper's business partners in the Wild Hunt are Samsung and the Discovery Hotels and Resort, both of which will provide most of the prizes.

The other business partners—Dunkin' Donuts and its selected outlets, Cebuana Lhuillier pawnshop branches and JRS Express and its outlets—will serve as drop box centers.

"This is our way of showing appreciation to our valued readers for the support that we are getting from them," Adorable said. "We hope that our beloved readers enjoy and have fun with this early Christmas treat from the No. 1 newspaper."

The Guyito Wild Hunt is open to all readers nationwide.

Raffle dates

There will be one Guyito coupon daily in each issue of the Inquirer from Monday to Saturday. There will be two coupons in every Sunday edition of the paper.

Raffle draws will be held on Oct. 18, Nov. 15 and on Dec. 5. *Please see posters and print ads for more details.*

Corrections

IN THE AUG. 27 ISSUE, the Lifestyle article on Page C4—"A garden party"—misspelled the name of a sculptor of the local football and arms. The sculptor's name is Lalan—not Nono.—Pennie Rubio.



ABE AGUILAR CRUZ



CLAUDE TAYAG

IN THE AUG. 31 ISSUE, the wrong photograph accompanied the Lifestyle article on Page C2—"Unmistakably Ilocano (not for the queasy)." The man in the photo (above, right) is food columnist Claude Tayag—not the late writer and painter Abe Aguilar Cruz. The photo of Cruz is shown above, left.

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Readers may send their requests for corrections of factual errors in writing to the Readers' Advocate, Philippine Daily Inquirer, Chino Roces Avenue corner Mascardo Street, Makati City.

Poor want birth control, says health bill author

Terrorists hijack God, says awardee

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tolism as the basis for justice and harmony in Indonesia and in the world at large."

At this time when Islam suffers a bad image because of the excessive fervor and extreme behavior of some of its adherents, when those who use terror invoke the name of Islam to justify their extreme causes and kill with the name of Allah on their lips, a voice—brave and loud—calling for moderation is not easy to find.

Maarif is a voice in the wilderness, so to speak, a courageous representing Muslims who espouse respect for and plurality of beliefs.

"The terrorists hijack God," Maarif tells the Inquirer. "Their theology is the theology of death." Terrorism has defaced Islam and given it a bad name.

"Terrorism is not the authentic face of Islam" is a statement Maarif wants to say again and again.

Born in West Sumatra in 1935, Maarif was exposed during his early schooling to the reform Islam teachings of Muhammadiya, one of two mass organizations that influence Muslim life in Indonesia.

Muhammadiya movement

Founded in 1912, the Muhammadiya, according to Maarif, is "among the Muslim reformist movements all over the world ... one of the most creative and flexible in dealing with political fluctuations." This "shock absorber," Maarif adds, has worked against government intrusions.

After graduating from university, Maarif went into teaching and pursued his master's degree in Southeast Asian history at Ohio State University and his doctorate in Islamic thought at the University of Chicago under the tutelage of Islamic scholar Fazlur Rahman, a Pakistani.

Maarif returned to Indonesia and gained a reputation as a rising intellectual and leader in Muhammadiya in the 1980s.

After the downfall of the 32-year Suharto dictatorship in 1998, Maarif assumed the leadership of Muhammadiya and its 30 million adherents. The aftermath saw a period of openness, reform and democratization in Indonesia. But this was also a time of sectarian conflict. Maarif was the man of the hour. Many looked up to him for guidance.

Panca Sila

Maarif harks back to 1945 when Indonesia declared itself an independent secular state. Indonesia did not adopt the Islamic law of shariah but the Panca Sila (Sanskrit for five principles) that promoted belief in one God, a just and civilized humanity, national unity, democracy and social justice.

This did not come easy, Maarif recounts. Bitter disputes ensued. "Many used the Panca Sila as political rhetoric," Maarif says. "And we have neglected it."

As president of Muhammadiya, Maarif could easily have shifted to politics, but he didn't. He used his position to call for moderation, especially when conflict and violence erupted between Muslims and Christians. He led interfaith dialogues and warned against sectarian hate.

When some sectors revived the call for an Islamic state and the imposition of the shariah, Maarif stepped forward and led the move to oppose it. He argued why the nonsectarian precepts of Panca Sila suited Indonesia's pluralist society.

Koranic Islam

Indonesia has the biggest Muslim population in the world. Maarif describes Indonesia's brand of Islam as progressive and predominantly "But we have splinter groups," he sighs. "I'm still struggling to see Indonesia unite."

Maarif notes that unlike Christianity, or Catholicism in particular, which has a centralized leadership and official teachings, Islam is left to many interpretations. He describes the Islam that he practices as "Koranic Islam."

The Sept. 11, 2001, terror attack on the United States and the bombings in Bali and Jakarta dramatized what Islamic militants could do to pursue their end. The US invasion of Afghanistan and Iraq aggravated the tensions and spawned more hatred.

No to 'holy war'

Maarif, Muhammadiya president from 2000 to 2005, together with other voices of reason and moderation, denounced the attacks as a "crime against humanity."

He urged Indonesian Muslims not to be carried away and to reject calls to jihad or "holy war" and instead go for peaceful protests. Maarif showed by example.

"We spoke out," Maarif says, stressing that the Muslim world was not entirely silent on terrorism wrought in the name of Islam. He also gives insights into why many Muslims feel aggrieved and humiliated.

In 2003, Maarif founded the Maarif Institute for Culture and Humanity, which aims to project Islam as a religion that respects plurality, inclusion and tolerance.

Abraham's office

Maarif, familiarly known as Buya Syafii, has retired from teaching but continues to minister his ideas to mentors to the young. He is a professor emeritus at the State University of Yogyakarta. His writings are a sourcebook for education, information and inspiration not just for Indonesians but for any citizen of this world.

He reads a lot, and one of his favorites is Karen Armstrong, a British author and lecturer who wrote the biography "Muhammad." (Armstrong, a former Catholic nun, wrote the much-acclaimed "A History of God" plus a dozen other books.)

"We have to go deep into the authenticity of religion," Maarif reflects. "Religion has a moral message." Justice is the key to global wisdom, he adds, and without it, "the world will go astray forever."

In one of his papers on Islam and Christianity, the professor writes: "According to Christianity and Islam, based on the concept of free choice and free will, man are responsible for all their deeds and action, good or evil, here in this life and the life after." If we believe this, he asks, why do we fight?

"Why did the difference in religion between us destroy our spiritual brotherhood in the past? Why are we to claim the absolute truth? Christianity, Judaism and Islam came from the same tree," Maarif continues.

"We came from the same office, the spiritual office of Abraham."



ELY BUENDIA, sitting front man of the Eraserheads, performs during the group's reunion concert at the Bonifacio Global City.

Eraserheads show cut

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made a dash to buy tickets to the sold-out reunion concert of the Eraserheads on Saturday night at the Fort Bonifacio Open Field in Taguig City.

Organizers placed the crowd at more than 20,000—with another 5,000 left to fend for themselves outside the venue's makeshift walls.

The concert which started at around 8:30 p.m., was stopped after the 10 p.m. intermission. The band's front man, Ely Buendia, had reportedly suffered from "extreme exhaustion" and was taken to the Makati Medical Center.

The Eraserheads, whose four members have not played together since splitting up in 2002, had just finished performing 13 songs and had taken a break during the second half of a 30-song set when the incident happened.

"I went to Ely's room backstage to discuss something about the second set ... When I saw him, he was lying down, his eyes closed like he was sleeping," recounted Buddy Zabala, the band's bassist. "His pulse, enhanced no eye rolls, pa. It came out he was extremely exhausted."

Heart attack

In January 2007, Buendia suffered a heart attack while performing in a post-Christmas show in Laguna with his band, Pupil.

He was rushed to the Asian Hospital and Medical Center in Alabang, Muntinlupa, where doctors performed angioplasty—a medical procedure to restore blood flow through a narrowed or blocked artery to the heart.

A few days later, Buendia underwent a second angioplasty at the Philippine Heart Center in Quezon City.

Buendia, 37, is widely known as the chief songwriter, lead singer and rhythm guitarist of the Eraserheads, the country's most popular and influential rock band of the 1990s.

At the concert on Saturday, he looked remarkably slim and was said to have been maintaining a healthy diet and lifestyle. But events of the past few days had taken another heavy toll on his body.

On Wednesday his mother, Lilia Buendia, died after a lingering illness due to stomach trouble following surgery at the Pilar Doctors Hospital.

Sound check for the Eraserheads concert reportedly went on till 3 a.m. of Saturday.

"He was extremely exhausted when he was rushed to Makati Med. Late last night (Saturday), he was transferred to the Philippine Heart Center where he is still under observation," said Ronald Tagnesi, director for marketing at MTV Philippines which sponsored the concert.

At press time on Sunday night, Buendia was in a stable condition, according to a text message from his family.

Nobody anticipated that the concert would end so abruptly, although Buendia was visibly tired just before the intermission. Not a few people noticed how he slowly lowered his head close to his guitar while he sat down on a platform onstage, apparently trying to catch his breath.

All-this reportoire

Earlier, the crowd's enthusiasm had buoyed up the band's spirits, as it played an all-hits repertoire from its various best-selling albums.

At the start, while singing "Alapaap," a song about free will and exploring higher consciousness, Buendia's voice quivered and sounded unstable. In some numbers, lead guitarist Marcus Adoro's solos tended to slip with anxiety. And throughout the show's first half, there were glaring gaps and virtually no signs of banter between band members.

But nobody was disappointed enough to mind; they were all too busy singing and dancing along to the music—songs accented with infectious pop and rock influences that were self-written and which spoke directly to a youth generation that appreciated the band's hip but earnest observations and college life.

At one point, in a song called "Hey Jay," whose lyrics expressed sympathy for homosexuals, a young woman was caught by video cameras enraptured by the mid-tempo music, holding her head with eyes closed.

In another instance, people near the stage were seen moving their bodies back and forth while singing the lyrics out loud. The sight elicited a remark from an amused young father who was watching the show with his wife and two children: "Parang charismatic prayer rally 'to a! (This is like a charismatic prayer rally!)"

Anticlimactic

About 10 minutes into the intermission, the damper came in the form of an announcement by Buendia's younger sister Sally, flanked onstage by Zabala, Adoro and drummer Raimund Marasigan. "Thank you everyone for supporting the reunion of the Eraserheads. We, however, regret to inform you that due to my brother's poor health ... because of the emotional and physical stress that he has been experiencing, we apologize for ending the concert short. My brother had to be rushed to the hospital for medical attention ..."

There was a moment of silence as everyone prayed for Buendia.

It was an anticlimactic ending to an event that almost never was. From the onset, news of the concert—originally organized by Philip Morris to promote its cigarette brand Marlboro—drew criticism and controversy.

Though announced on the Internet as a free show, it was not entirely open to the public because one had to go through a complicated online registration process to which minors and nonsmokers were discouraged from participating.

Soon, the Department of Health stepped in by holding a press conference. Undersecretary Alexander Padilla warned: If Philip Morris pushes through with the concert, it will be violating Republic Act No. 9211 or the Tobacco Regulation Act of 2003, which prohibits cigar companies from sponsoring sports, cultural and artistic events of individual or team athletes, artists and performers.

MTV to the rescue

Five days before the show, Philip Morris withdrew its participation, leaving Sony BMG, the Eraserheads' former record label, to ask for help from major concert promoters.

"Sally Sia of Sony BMG brought this project to us ... we wanted to save the concert," said Francis Lumen, president of MTV Philippines who tapped a little-known affiliate, Redfieldcid Media Solutions, to take over in mounting the production.

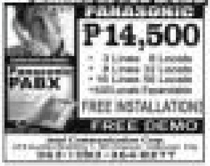
It then became a ticket-selling concert. In doling cash of buying the rights from Philip Morris, it seemed to have paid a hefty sum as talent fees to each member of the Eraserheads.

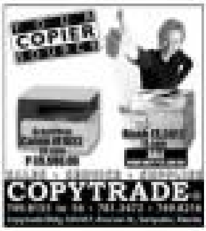
Ten minutes before showtime, organizers knew they had pulled off one of the most well-attended concerts of the year—but one which left the crowd hanging and wondering how Buendia could save his heart from further damage.

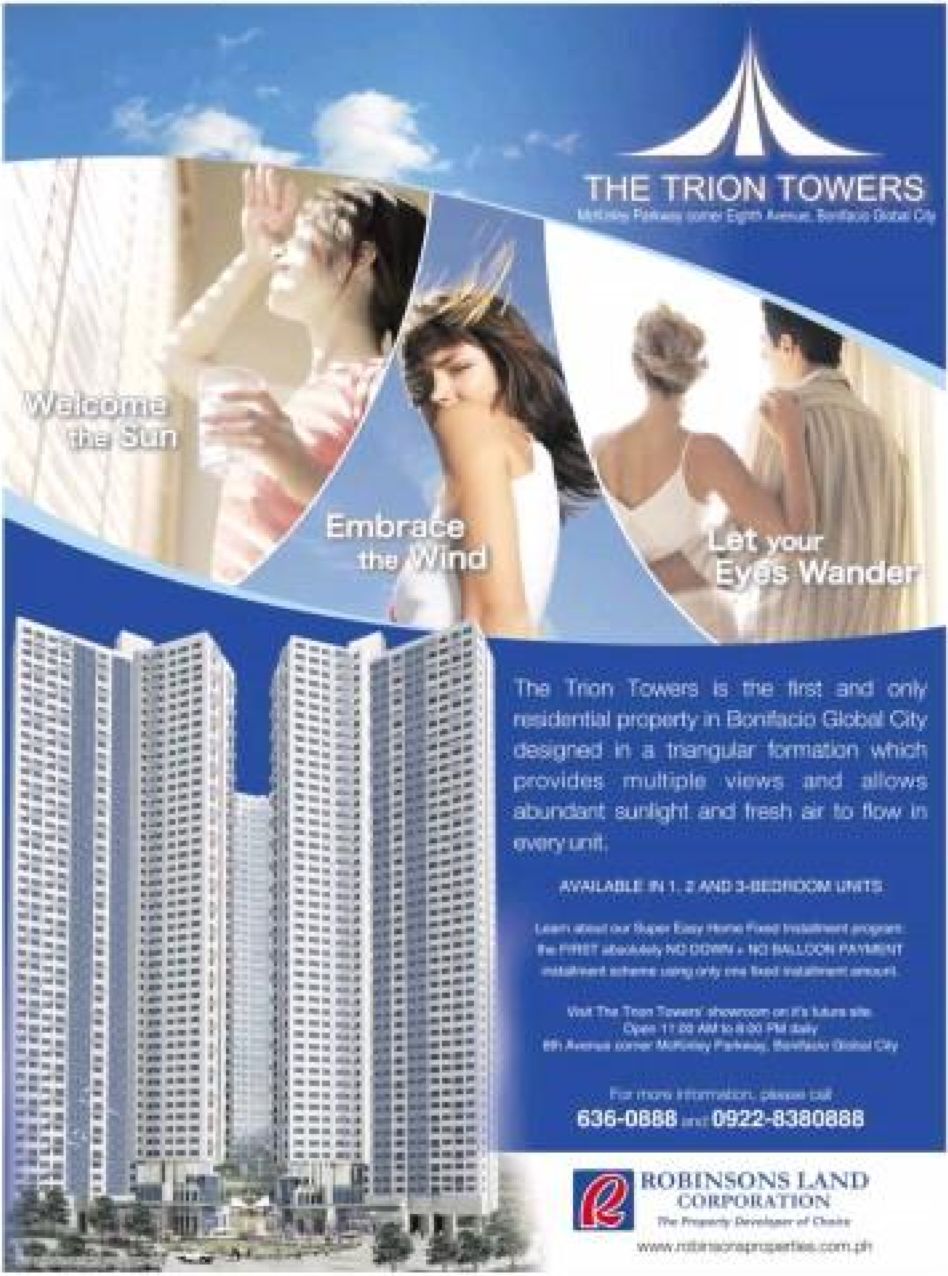
'Tagaytay 5' colleagues reported missing











SC may rule on political issues of MOA



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Most critical issue

"You can't close your eyes"

High food prices, fear of violence mar holy month

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Risk of deportation

Hard to celebrate

Fighting continues as Ramadan begins

AFP on alert

Disappointed, frustrated

Peace process under review

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Quakes rattle Bicol, Central Luzon

12 hours later

More tremors

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The Daily Gospel

Remember a loved one

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And with prices starting at less than 5,000 euros ($7,000), the jewels are not solely the preserve of the jet set.

"Some people find it helpful to go to the cemetery and grave, and they leave their grief in the cemetery," Algordanza chief [illegible] Brimer said. "There are some people who, for whatever reason, do not want to have this farewell."

"Astonishingly, there are mainly Christian people. They say: 'Why should I say goodbye? I'll see my husband in 10 years in heaven anyway.'" Brimer said [illegible] the [illegible] of Chur and its surrounding snowy mountains.

The technology for making artificial diamonds was first pioneered by General Electric in the 1950s, and [illegible] by subjecting carbon to huge pressure and temperature.

'Remembrance'

Algordanza—which means "remembrance" in the local language Romansh, spoken in some parts of the Swiss canton of Grisons—is one of a handful of companies offering artificial diamonds, which have sprung up as the technology has improved.

US-based LifeGem and Britain's Phoenix Diamonds, for example, also offer diamonds made from hair, which contains more carbon than ashes—meaning a gem can be created from the hair of a living person, or from someone who has been buried rather than cremated. LifeGem even offers diamonds made from dead pets.

"Some people find it is a great honor and remembrance," Laura Hanselman of the Gemological Institute of America (GIA) said. "The technology is certainly getting better."

Man-made gems

Synthetic diamonds have become so common that GIA now grades their quality so buyers can know what they are getting compared with a natural diamond.

John [illegible], vice president of California-based engagement ring store Robbins Bros., said synthetic diamonds were, "in general, a little less expensive" than natural ones, depending on each individual stone.

GIA engraves the word "synthetic" and its report number on all artificial diamonds it grades.

Algordanza's Brimer first saw a business opportunity in "remembrance" diamonds after meeting a Russian chemist, who explained how gems could be created in a laboratory.

All walks of life

Brimer, who used to work in information technology and his partner Rinaldo Willy at first thought their clientele would mainly be young, but they have been surprised that "actually our customers come from all walks of life."

Bobby Thomas—of Nelson Funeral Service in Arkansas, which offers diamonds to both burial and cremation clients—decided to have LifeGem make a diamond from [illegible] samples of his own and his family's hair.

"My family will cherish that diamond for generations, and I expect other families will want to do the same," Thomas said.

In the pub forever

Algordanza does 40 percent of its business in Japan, its largest market where cremation is more common because land is so scarce.

Many clients from Europe travel to Chur to accompany the deceased on their final journey and meet the people who will turn the ashes into a diamond. *Reuters*

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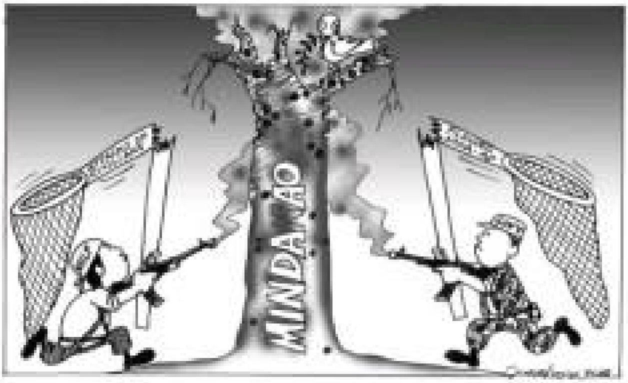
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Don't coddle fake, irresponsible journalists

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16,000 join Panlilio recall bid, says group

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—MEMBERS OF A GROUP seeking to unseat Pampanga Gov. Eddie Panlilio through a recall petition have swelled to more than 16,000 from just over 5,000 since the campaign was launched on Aug. 21, their leader claimed.

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Self-censorship biggest enemy, journalists told

By Delfin T. Mallari Jr.
Inquirer Southern Luzon



EDITH Burgos urges journalists to break the barriers in the fulfillment of their roles in a keynote speech at the 6th congress of the National Union of Journalists of the Philippines.

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ATENEO de Manila University adopted the eagle as its mascot in the late 1930s, following outstanding performances of its "high-flying" basketball team in National Collegiate Athletic Association games. The eagle is also a symbol of power. Ateneo became a member of the University Athletic Association of the Philippines in 1978.

Cyril L. Bonabente, Inquirer Research

Eatery robbed by gang led by teenager

Pregnant employee raped; over ₱20,000 in cash stolen

By DJ Yap

FOUR ARMED MEN LED BY A TEENAGER STAGED A PRE-DAWN robbery yesterday at a 24-hour eatery in Parañaque City, carting away thousands of pesos from the cash register.

One of the robbers even raped the cashier, who was pregnant, in the kitchen of GoodAh, a fastfood restaurant on President's Avenue in B.F. Homes, the Parañaque police said.

Only one of the four men, who all remain at large, was identified by the police, a 16-year-old boy known as "Daga," who is notorious for robberies in the area, state investigator SPO1 Anthony Alising said.

Alising said more than ₱20,000 was taken from the restaurant based on the initial probe, but a separate radio report quoted Parañaque police chief, Supt. Ronald Bañez, as saying the loot amounted to ₱37,000.

Based on the investigation, the robbers, brandishing knives and handguns, entered the eatery at about 5 a.m. yesterday and proceeded to empty the cash register.

They tied up the cook, Romeo Arciga, and the cashier, whose name was withheld, in the kitchen. One of the armed men (not the minor) then raped the cashier while another held her down, Alising said.

He added that the victim was to be taken to the hospital for a medico-legal exam yesterday and was expected to press charges against her attacker soon.

The police said they had a file photo of the minor but not of the three other men, who, based on eyewitness accounts, were adults.

Environmentalists slam 'slaughter of trees' in Manila

By Jocelyn R. Uy

AN ENVIRONMENTALIST GROUP YESterday condemned the "gruesome slaughter" of age-old trees in a plaza fronting the Manila Cathedral in Intramuros, Manila, a week before the celebration of Creation Month which starts today.

Kalikasan Coalition said 29 healthy acacia, mahogany, mango, molo, fire and balitan trees in Plaza Roma were cut down last Monday in violation of the cutting and balling permit issued by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

"We mourn the gruesome slaughter of the Plaza Roma trees, a dastardly act ironically committed barely a week before Christian churches mark 'Creation Month' to celebrate the gifts of nature and our community with Mother Earth," said the group's president, Manny Calonzo.

He pointed out that trees, the national tree, is not only famous for its ecological and ornamental benefits, but also for its healing properties.

The DENR issued a permit to the Intramuros Administration on Aug. 5 to make way for the latter's plan to re-landscape Plaza Roma.

Citing possible violations of Presidential Decree 953, the department has asked IA Administrator Maria Ana Harper to explain why charges should not be filed against her for breaking the law.

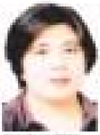
Calonzo claimed that several provisions of the law, issued in 1976 by President Ferdinand Marcos, were violated, starting with IA's failure to inform the DENR when the trees would be cut down.

He added that the agency also failed to post at the barangay hall the permit issued by the DENR and to ball the trees for planting elsewhere.

PD 953 penalizes any person who cuts, destroys, damages or injures naturally growing or planted trees, including flowering and ornamental shrubs and plants of "scenic, aesthetic and ecological values."

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Illegal business activities outside DFA gates





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Has to show he is different from Bush while keeping GOP principles





Experts fear fireflies in world are dwindling

The WORLD

Thai PM admits he can't control spiraling protests

Says he won't bow, turns to Parliament for help

BANGKOK—THAILAND'S Parliament convened an emergency session on Sunday at the request of the country's embattled prime minister, who acknowledged that his administration cannot control spiraling antigovernment protests.



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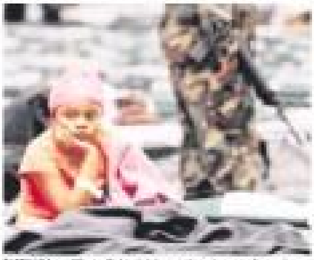


PROTESTERS holding candles at Zocalo Square in Mexico City on Aug. 30.

Brazil spies accused of bugging officials

100,000 Mexicans demand gov't action vs killings, abductions

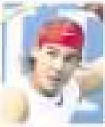
'Gustav' forces N. Orleans to order evacuation



FLEEING from "Gustav": Alexis Johnson sits on her cot after a nine-hour bus ride to a shelter for evacuees from New Orleans in Shreveport, La., on Aug. 28.

Iraq 'surge' followed sharp internal debate, says report

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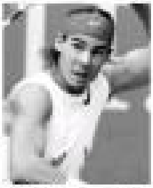
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Clark rides on eagles, flirts with a 59



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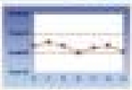
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BSP sees economy bouncing back in 2nd half

'Favorable signs' to lift growth to 5%

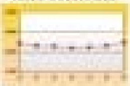
THE BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS HAS PICKED UP FAVORABLE signs that the economy could bounce from a weaker than expected first semester growth and attain a full-year expansion of at least 5 percent despite a sluggish business and consumer sentiment.



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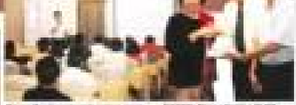












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Galoc first oil seen in mid-September

By Abigail L. Ho

GALOC PRODUCTION CO., THE OPERATOR of Service Contract 14C covering the Galoc oil field in offshore Northwest Palawan, expects first oil to be drawn from the field in mid-September.

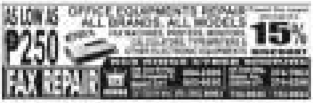
In a statement, GPC said its damaged mooring and riser system had already been repaired and reconnected. The damage was caused by Typhoon Feria in late June.

"The associated work program is underway with field activities scheduled for next week and, subject to suitable weather conditions, first oil is expected mid-September," it said.

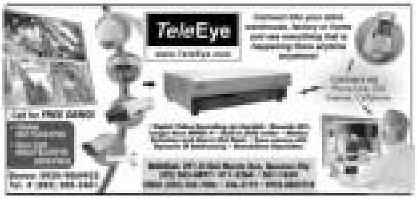


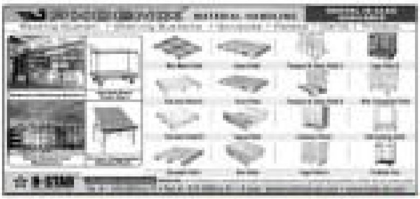
















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RCBC posts 25% growth in remittances

DOE to award new petroleum contract

Thunderbird H1 revenue up 45%

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CANON EOS 50D

Canon raises SLR digital bar with new image processor

Samsung releases flash-based camcorder



SAMSUNG flash-based HD camcorder HMX20C

SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS Co. Ltd. has just introduced a new flash-based full high definition (HD) camcorder, the HMX20C.

Nearing iconic status

Text and photos by Charles E. Buban



THE iPhone 3G with the rest of its accessories

Unusual elegance

Multi-touch interface

Practically perfect

Globe additions



THE iPhone 3G is now more of an iconic and unique device.

From Japan tech firm, PABX phones for home use

By Raquel P. Gomez



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Grocery shopping tips that work

Shoppers tend to go to stores that are convenient, not cheap

By Ma. Salve Duplito
Inquirer.net

IF THERE'S ONE PLACE WHERE FILIPINOS need to keep their financial wits about them especially in these days of spiraling prices, it's that enclave with eye candies in every corner, temptations in every package, and come-ons on every aisle: the grocery.

For most families, the grocery is a place that decimates savings plans and tolls financial discipline. So much so that when the cash register announces the total bill, it often sends little shock waves into the pocket book.

With the frenzied lifestyle most Filipinos lead especially in Metro Manila, grocery shoppers tend to gravitate toward stores that are convenient, not cheap. But a July survey by the Hotel and Restaurant Cost Controllers Association of the Philippines (HRCCAP) revealed that on the average, some groceries can be as much as 5 percent cheaper than others.

"If your monthly grocery expense is more than P8,000 or P96,000 a year, you could save about P5,000 annually if you shift allegiance from high-end to low-end grocery stores. With the 5 percent savings make up for the sacrifice in comfort and ambience? In these hard times, I guess people will prioritize any potential savings," says Noel Mendagorda, chair of the research and development committee that conducted the survey and the cost controller of Peninsula Manila.

The members of the committee are cost controllers of Makati Shangri-La, Hard Rock Café, Traders Hotel, Via Mare Restaurants and Bayview Park Hotel.

Squeezing more juice out of your grocery budget

1. Attentive spending
2. Prioritize the perimeter
3. Look up and down
4. Get in and get out
5. Use the right-sized basket or cart
6. Compare apples to apples
7. Don't shop when hungry

Based on the survey the cheapest groceries including wholesale outlets are Cherry Foodarama and SM Supermarket. SM's ranking is due largely to its "Yellow Tag" items, without which Cherry Foodarama wins hands down.

Rustan and Shopwise Supermarket are at the upper range with the more expensive prices. The others, ranked from cheapest to most expensive, are Robinsons, Puregold, and Landmark.

The food items surveyed were vegetable oil, catsup, vinegar, mayonnaise, sugar, sardines, tuna in oil, and Coke in can. The non-food items surveyed were dishwashing liquid, toothpaste, bar soap for washing clothes and taking a bath.

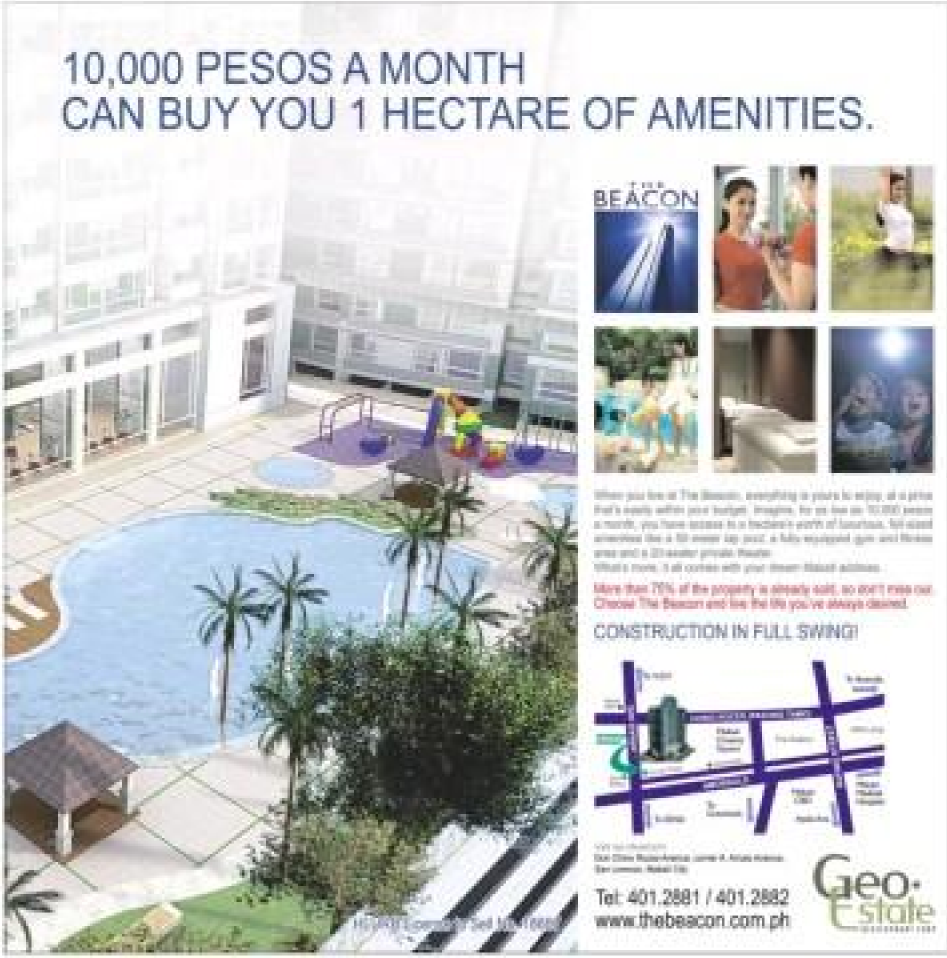
The HRCCAP also discovered that loyalty cards have minimal or no effect on grocery stores' pricing schemes and that grocery store chains are consistent with the pricing and availability of products. That means rushing to SM Baclaran to find a few sale leg items in your grocery list will be a waste of time and gas.

Here's a list of other things that you can do to squeeze more juice out of your grocery budget:

1. **Attentive spending.** Before you go through those big double doors, especially if grocery shopping is a family affair, re-

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Science and technology in global competitiveness



MAPping the Future

By Cesar B. Bautista

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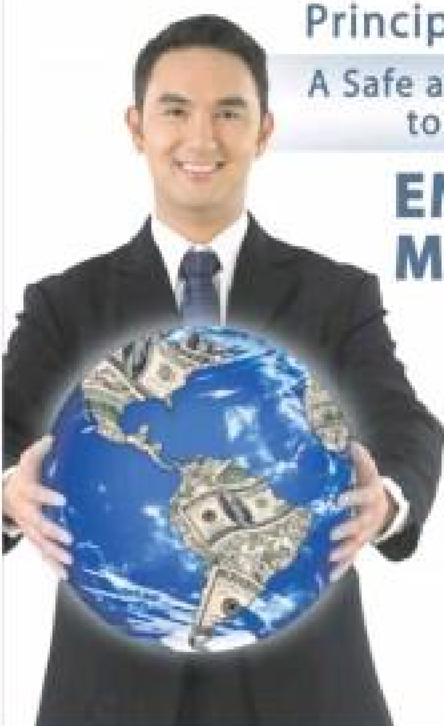
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DORIS Magsaysay-Ho

Fernando Amorsolo's body of work was really 'the cave of our remembrance'



'His Art, Our Heart'

By Shiena Aquino
Contributor

YOU WOULD THINK DORIS Magsaysay-Ho's day job as president and CEO for Magsaysay Maritime Corp. was enough to keep her busy and committed to profit for the company's shareholders, but no.

As chair of Asia Society (Manila chapter), board member and trustee of several cultural and charity institutions, she is not only a tireless supporter of the arts and culture, but also a brilliant fundraiser who believes in the importance of stewardship: that those of means must bear responsibility for those without.

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Mili Ongpin-Henbrea

From ancestors, the gift of wings

By Karla P. Delgado
Contributor

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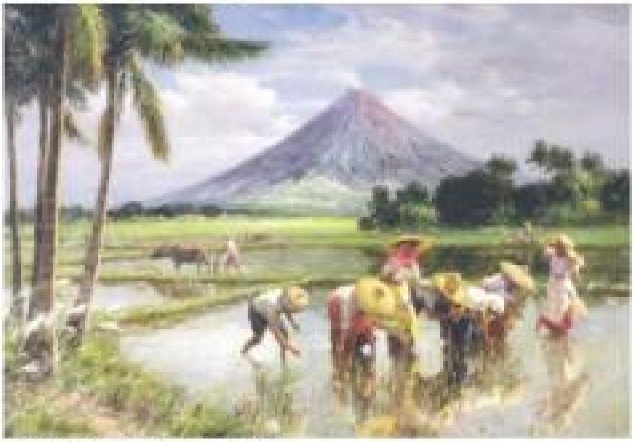
Vibrant artistry

A "vibrant romp," as Ho calls it, the exhibits will showcase Amorsolo's vibrant artistry in seven different venues from September 2008 to April 2009.

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Museum themes

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"PLANTING Rice with Mayon Volcano" and, below, "Threshing"





"NUDE with Orchids"

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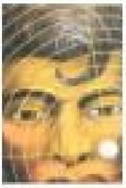
Tejido's ‘Ibong Adarna’ on exhibit

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Jimenez at West

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Lobajo at Crucible

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Group exhibit

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Mia Ongpin Herbosa says thank you to the grandfather, who set her family on the path to the arts



"HOMAGE to Van Gogh"

"LA CONCIERGERIE"



From ancestors, the gift of wings

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"PHOENIX Jar"



"MUTYA (Monica)"

Influences

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Six-year-old artist holds first exhibit



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Solid, surprising 'Otelo'

Tanghalang Ateneo's Filipino production of the Shakespeare tragedy has the year's best performances so far, as well as the most disappointing

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Burnished sound

Miscast

Superb villain



Solid, surprising 'Otelo'







Ron Capinding as Iago fills the character with constant agitation and disturbing menace

ANOTHER VIEW OF 'OTELO'

Gossip Boy makes trouble

'West Side Story' opens Friday, Sept. 5



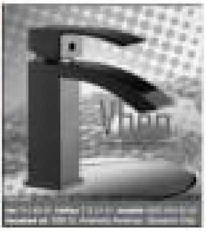
PPO 'tours' US, Europe through music

> Meanwhile, its search for a new music director continues



PHILIPPINE Philharmonic Orchestra

Back home







Chinese piano star shines in Beijing Olympics





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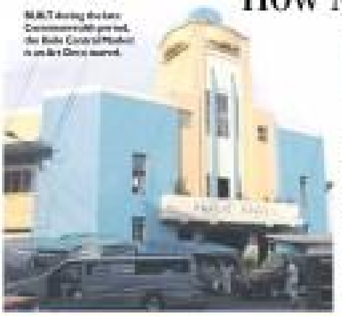


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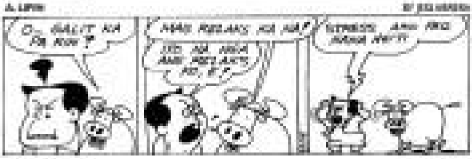


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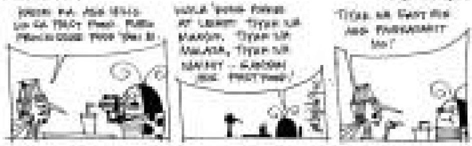


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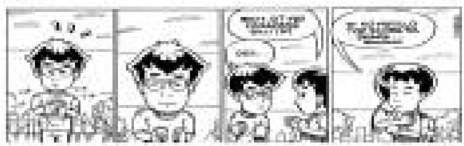


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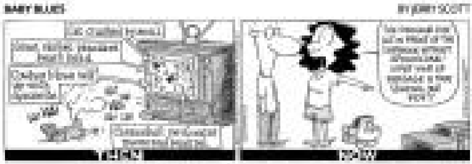




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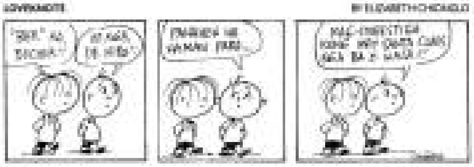


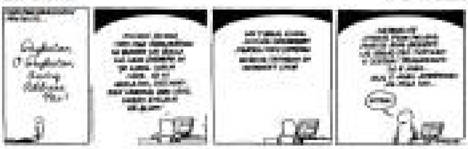
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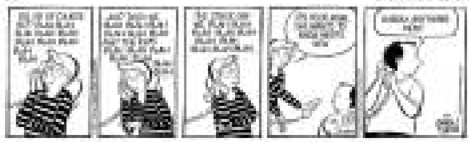




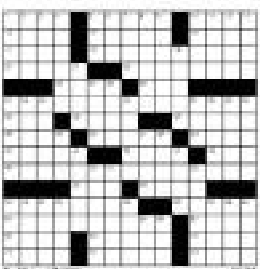
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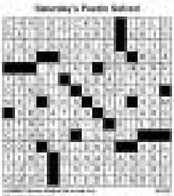




DAILY CROSSWORD



Saturday's Puzzle Solved



HOROSCOPE

By Frances Drake

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku — By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle

How Moderne living defined . . .





Looking outward

Simple lines

Gardens

In step

Concert in honor of Robert Coyiuto

By Antonio C. Hila
Contributor

INSURANCE TRAILBLAZER ROBERT Coyiuto will be honored with a concert Sept. 27, 4 p.m., at Meralco Theater on Ortigas Avenue to celebrate his 85th birth year.

Born on Sept. 30, 1923, Robert Coyiuto was the first Filipino member of the prestigious Lloyd's of London. Before the term "taipan" became in vogue to describe successful Chinese-Filipino entrepreneurs and industrialists, Coyiuto was already leading corporations that became among the giant companies in the industry.

In 1983, he founded Prudential Guarantee and Assurance Inc., which is now led by his first son who continues to uphold his legacy of excellence, propriety, filial piety and compassion.

He passed away May 3, 1992, at the age of 70.



MOTHER and daughter: Piano soloist Cristine Coyiuto and young flutist Cecilia Alisa Coyiuto

Orchestral debut

Two generations of the Coyiuto family, pianist Cristine Coyiuto and her daughter, flutist Cecilia Alisa Coyiuto, are the featured soloists of the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra with Helen Quach conducting.

Cristine is the featured soloist of Schumann's Piano Concerto in A Minor, Op. 54.

Cecilia will perform Rodrigo's Flute Sonata as orchestrated by Sir Lennox Berkeley. Her performance marks her orchestral debut. It will also be the first Philippine performance of the piece.

Richard Wagner's "Die Meistersinger" Overture and Peter Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 4 in F Minor, Op. 36, complete the program.

Cristine is one of the country's leading concert pianists, and her concerts are critically acclaimed. She will play on an award-winning Bosendorfer grand piano that will be exclusively flown from Vienna to ensure the highest quality of performance. Ferdinand Alexander Porsche of the world-famous Porsche Design Company designed the Bosendorfer.

Cecilia has just returned from Academie Internationale d'Ete de Nice, where she was the youngest flute student in the master classes of Vincent Lucas (principal flute of Orchestre de Paris) and Davide Formisano (principal flute of Teatro alla Scala).

Cecilia began studying flute at age 10 with Mario Rollen and later with Antonio Maigue. She also studies the cello with Ton Ruiz and the piano with Virginia Laico Villanueva.

Homage

Helen Quach became the assistant of Leonard Bernstein of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra after winning the Dimitri Mitropoulos Competition. She has conducted orchestras in the US, Europe, Australia and Asia. She is slated to conduct the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra, the country's premier orchestra, in the Philippine Opera Company's production of "La Boheme" this October. The Coyiuto Foundation made her engagement possible.

The concert event is a fitting homage to Robert Coyiuto's inspiring leadership and visionary achievements, his pride in being a Filipino, and his passion for promoting Philippine arts and culture.

Long before "corporate social responsibility" became a buzz phrase among companies, Robert Coyiuto was already promoting social concerns in education, culture, arts and sports.

In the '70s, and under his leadership, his insurance company provided marine insurance coverage for the Las Piñas Bamboo Organ when it was shipped to Germany for repairs, sponsored the terra-cotta warriors from Xi'an, China, in the 1970s exhibition, and sponsored the "Thrilla in Manila" fight of Ali versus Frazier.

Arts support

Prudential continues its founder's dedicated support for the arts. In 1982, PGAI was a corporate sponsor of the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra. The company also hosted gratis concerts featuring the Manila Symphony Orchestra for PGAI employees.

In 1999, PGAI sponsored internationally acclaimed pianist Rio Wong's recital at Metropolitan Theater Manila. PGAI is also one of the incorporators of the BBCI Foundation Inc.

In 2000, PGAI sponsored National Artist Ang Kiukok's retrospective exhibition at Met Museum and, in 2006, the company sponsored the Ullmann Piano Competition.

This year, PGAI sponsored the Ronald Galicano-Nick Tesoro exhibit at Met Museum. PGAI also endowed the Concertmaster's Chair of the Metro Manila Community Orchestra.

Child Mary, other Marian artwork on exhibit

By Gino Marasigan
Contributor

SEPTEMBER 8 IS A SPECIAL DAY for Marian devotees who celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin. The image of Baby Mary or Maria Bambina in Italian is widely honored in Mexico, Poland and Italy.

In the Philippines, many are aware of Mary's birthday but relatively few celebrate it. Three churches venerate the image of Our Lady as a child—in Marikina, Biñan in Laguna, and Manila. And only a handful of devotees have images of the Bambina Maria in their home altars.

The local forerunner in the collection of images of Mary as a baby or as a child is ecclesiastical-exhibits designer Rei Nicolas. To date, Nicolas has acquired 12 Niña Marias in his collection of religious images and memorabilia. He mounted one of the first exhibits of the Child Mary at the convent of the Nuestra Señora de los Desamparados inside Sta. Ana Church in Manila.

Many Filipinos may not even be aware that the traditions celebrating the Feast of Mary's Nativity date back hundreds of years.

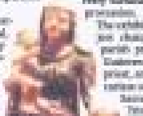
The earliest document commemorating the feast comes from the sixth century. St. Romanus, the great ecclesiastical lyricist of the Greek Church, composed a hymn for the feast.

In 1007, the church of Santa Ana Pallotino in Milan was dedicated to the "Mystery of the Nativity of Mary." In 16th-century Europe, life-size waxen images of both the Infant Jesus and Mary were widely venerated during the Counter-Reformation.

Marian cult

Many saints venerated the Blessed Virgin as an infant or as a child, such as St. John Eudes, St. Joseph Cupertino and San Pedro Pio.

One of Mary's most ardent fans was St. Bernadette, who venerated the Baby Mary. He let people photograph himself bearing her in his hands. He wanted that each community of Magdalenists and Tertiaries of the Divine Zeal to have an image of the Bambina and to have a solemn celebration on her feast day.



LOVELY Santa Ana image of St. Anne with the Blessed Virgin and the Infant Jesus, courtesy of Jun Manzano

It is said that before his death, the Blessed Virgin comforted him in his final moments by appearing to him as the little child Mary.

The most popular image of Mary as a baby is the Maria Bambina, which was modeled in wax in 1735 by Sr. Isabella Chiara Fornari, superior of the Poor Clare Sisters in Todi, Italy. This miraculous image was conveyed to many devout religious until it reached Mother Superior Teresa Bosio of the Sisters of Charity in 1842.

Beginning Sept. 9, 1884, many favors were granted and miraculous cures attributed through the intercession of the Maria Bambina. On May 31, 1904, the image was canonically crowned, and on Sept. 8, 1908, a plenary indulgence was obtained from Pope Pius X for the faithful who would honor the Blessed Virgin every Sept. 8 in all the chapels of the Sisters of Charity.

In subsequent years, it became a custom to give newly married couples a small wax image of the Maria Bambina as a wedding gift.



BEAUTIFUL image of the Assumption, courtesy of Beatriz Escobar and Mossi Fuentes



NIÑA María, courtesy of Rei Nicolas

'Serenata'

On Mary's Nativity on Sept. 8, a Marian exhibit, "La Vida de la Virgen," will be mounted at Santisimo Rosario Parish Church hallway inside the University of Santo Tomas campus in España, Manila.

Prior to the opening, a procession with the image of the Virgen will be held around the church premises. Showers of petals, bursts of confetti and a short serenata by tenor Ribert Chua and soprano Fevy Silvino await the image after the procession.

The exhibit will be blessed by the prior chair, Fr. Amor Alambra, OP, parish priest, assisted by Fr. Lucio Gutierrez, OP, assistant parish priest, and representatives of the Vicariate of Loreto (the parishes of the Sacred Heart in Sta. Mesa, Holy Trinity in Balic-Balic and Our Lady of Loreto in Sampaloc, among others), invited to crown the Virgen in a Rep. Rivera Rosario Cheidi.

Nicolas presents an array of images, paintings, prints, and reliefs not only on the theme of Mary's infancy but also her life story as well. Notable in this exhibit are reliefs by the famous Paete ivory-genre sculptor Luis Ac-de. These reliefs were commissioned by the designer and the author to provide a continuous visual presentation on the life of the Blessed Virgin.

Many collectors, artists and Marian devotees have loaned their images to the exhibit. Among them are the ivory images of the Sagrada Familia and the Flight to Egypt of Dr. Wenceslao Escobar; Santa Ana con Niña María by Isleta sculptor Greta de Leon; San Joaquin con Niña María of Noel Magallon; the antique painting on wood of the Death of St. Joseph owned by interior designer Monty Castro; and other beautiful pieces from the collections of Dennis Mercurio, John Baragan, Tom Javier, Jerome de Jesus and Nena Rentalde. The project coordinator for the exhibit is Jensen Patrick Julian.

The public is invited to view the lovely, rare images Sept. 8-Oct. 3.



EXHIBIT committee headed by Rei Nicolas (center), right, with the author. Standing are Tom Javier, Jerome de Jesus and Noel Magallon.

ENTERTAINMENT

Editor: Emma G. Velarde



Songs ever-vibrant

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Indie fest accepting '09 entries

ENTRIES to the full-length feature film category of the 2009 Cinemalaya Independent Film Festival are now being accepted.

Deadline for submission is [illegible] p.m., Sept. 12.

Only entries by Filipino filmmakers who have not directed more than three full-length commercial features will be accepted. Works in production prior to Dec. 31, 2008 are not qualified.

Application forms may be downloaded from www.cinemalaya.gov.ph.

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Submit to the CCP Media Arts Division, 4th Floor, CCP Main Building, Roxas Blvd., Pasay City.

Mainstream strikes back

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

It's going to be a 'commercially oriented' Luna Awards this year

WHILE INDEPENDENT films dominate the nominations for the Urian (critics) Awards, mainstream movies lead the race for the 26th Luna Awards handed out by the Film Academy of the Philippines.

The nominations were announced by FAP director-general Leo Martinez and [illegible] Friday night in [illegible].

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"Sisa" [illegible]

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MARICEL Soriano, Aga Muhlach and Angelica Panganiban, stars of "A Love Story."







THE CAST of "The Thank You Girls," a road movie that follows the adventures of six gay pageant hopefuls as they travel from Daraga in Cagayan de Oro (Gobalia) feature film debut is competing with seven other Asian movies in the Dragons and Tigers section for Young Cinema in the Canadian film fest.

'Girls' off to Vancouver

Mainstream strikes . . .

AT THE CINEMAS

GLORIETTA 1	1 GRAVEDANCER	2 DEATH RACE	3 A VERY SPECIAL LOVE	4 FOR THE FIRST TIME
GLORIETTA 4	1 WALL-E	2 GRAVEDANCER	3 DEATH RACE	
	4 BIG STAN	5 STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS	6 FOR THE FIRST TIME	7 SMOTHER
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GREENBELT 3	1 SMOTHER	2 DEATH RACE		
	3 WALL-E	4 BIG STAN	5 FOR THE FIRST TIME	
ALABANG TOWN CENTER	1 FOR THE FIRST TIME	2 DEATH RACE		
	3 GRAVEDANCER	4 FOR THE FIRST TIME	5 SMOTHER	
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TRINOMA	1 FOR THE FIRST TIME	2 FOR THE FIRST TIME	3 SMOTHER	4 GRAVEDANCER
	5 WALL-E	6 BIG STAN	7 DEATH RACE	

AT THE MALLS

Glorietta	I.T.A.L.Y.
Greenbelt	SHOPPING SPREE AT GREENBELT!
Alabang Town Center	BOYS LIKE GIRLS Live Concert
Ayala Center Cebu	[illegible]
Market! Market!	SPORTS OUTLET SALE
Christmas	[illegible]
Ayala Museum	[illegible]
TriNoma	WONDERBOOKS BOOKFAIR

New screen tandems make their bid

VIEWFINDER



Nestor U. Torre

KC and Richard, Dolphy and Vic

[illegible]

Comic chemistry

[illegible]

Poker-faced approach

[illegible]



Flighty music and comedy

By Oliver M. Pulumbarit
Contributor

[illegible]

Deadpan wit

[illegible]

Likeable losers

[illegible]

Memorable number

[illegible]



RP to pursue music video awards show









ENTERTAINMENT

Geneva back in the US with KC



DOLLY WOOD
Dolly Anne Carvajal

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RP's 'Idol'

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'Best Damn Tour'

Shopping spree



GENEVA Cruz, lower right, with her cousin and her best buddy Jay-R



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NOVALICHES

1 DEATH RACE
2 FOR THE FIRST TIME
3 DOBOL TROBOL
4 TOROTOT

PIONEER

1 DEATH RACE
2 GRAVEDANCERS
3 FOR THE FIRST TIME
4 BROTHER



STA. ROSA

1 FOR THE FIRST TIME
2 JOURNEY to the CENTER of the EARTH
3 TOROTOT
4 DOBOL TROBOL

LIPA

1 THE X-FILES
2 FOR THE FIRST TIME
3 DOBOL TROBOL
4 MY SASSY GIRL

DASMARIÑAS

1 TOROTOT
2 DOBOL TROBOL
3 DEATH RACE
4 FOR THE FIRST TIME

IMUS

1 DEATH RACE
2 TOROTOT
3 FOR THE FIRST TIME
4 DOBOL TROBOL

ANGELES

1 MY SASSY GIRL
2 FOR THE FIRST TIME
3 ALTERED
4 DEATH RACE

STARMILLS

1 A VERY SPECIAL LOVE
2 FOR THE FIRST TIME
3 DOBOL TROBOL
4 MY SASSY GIRL
5 ALTERED
6 DEATH RACE

BACOLOD

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5 THE X-FILES
6 TOROTOT / LOST in BEIJING

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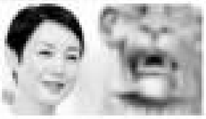
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ENTERTAINMENT

ROUNDUP



FROM left, Marvin Vargas, former Congressman Agapito "Butz" Aquino and Alfred Vargas at the Philippine Veterans Bank cocktails.



IN VENICE, Japanese actress Kanako Higuchi, female lead of the film "Akiresu to Kame (Achilles and the Tortoise)," directed by Takeshi Kitano. AFP

Asia on Venice

VENICE—AN INSCRUTABLE geisha, a disfigured triad, an eccentric Japanese artist—they are all here at the Venice Film Festival, where Asian themes play a prominent role.

Leading the pack is Japanese film guru Takeshi Kitano's "Achilles and the Tortoise," about an artist's yearning for fame.

"Tajo, the Beast in the Shadow" by French director Barbet Schroeder tells the story of a rocky French novelist who comes to Japan to promote his book and falls in love with a geisha.

A third Asian-themed movie, Hong Kong director Yu Lik-wai's gritty "Plastic City" is about a Chinese outlaw and his adoptive son who control a counterfeit goods racket until the police and local mafia join forces to shut them down.

Still to come are two animated films, Hayao Miyazaki's "comic fantasy "Ponyo on the Cliff by the Sea" and Mamoru Oshii's modern parable "The Sky Crawlers."

Last year's Golden Lion went to Chinese director Ang Lee for his steamy spy thriller "Lust, Caution"—two years after he won the top prize for his breakthrough gay western, "Brokeback Mountain." AFP

Indie film fest

A festival of local and foreign independent films will be staged at the Robinsons Movieworld, Robinsons Galleria from Sept. 10 to Oct. 4.

The event will open with "Digital Orkotage, 158.0," an exhibition of 10 of the best foreign digital features explained through the expert eyes of 10 local filmmakers.

The inaugural event will be followed by Shorts.MOV, a showcase of the best digital short films in the world from the two most prestigious international short film festivals—Clermont-Ferrand (France) and Oberhausen (Germany), as well as the Silverdocks, a short film competition for students and professionals.

Log on to www.????.com.

R3 program

A new environmental awareness program for kids called "Go Kid, Go R3" was launched recently by CEO Mel Chemerling.

The project, a multi-pronged values formation for kids, encourages them to live out the R3 principles—reduce, reuse, and recycle.

It developed a segment on GMA 7's "Art Angel" to demonstrate how various common household items considered as garbage can be easily transformed by kids for new purposes.

Special screening

Former Congressman Agapito "Butz" Aquino, with actor Alfred Vargas and his brother Marvin Vargas, attended the Philippine Veterans Bank (PVB) 15th Anniversary cocktails recently.

PVB treated valued clients and media friends to a special screening of "Zohan" starring Adam Sandler at MyCinema at Greenbelt 3 as part of its anniversary activities.

TV partnership

A new partnership sealed recently between UNTV (local UHF channel) and the Canadian based company IPOXTBL, an Internet Protocol Television company, is expected to improve quality viewing through its digital service.

UNTV officials said this is made possible through the installation of a "set top box" on the subscriber's home that will facilitate the process of the technology being used.

The programs of UNTV are continuously being televised in the greater part of Canada and the United States through IPOXTBL.

According to executive officials of UNTV, the programs that are being shown are in "real-time format."



Fashion party

"Project Runway Philippines" contestants were welcomed by Landco, developer of resort living and urban communities, at the Aqua Park of Tribeca Private Residences, Sucat, Parañaque.

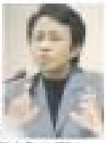
Landco hosted the pool party after a grueling challenge in the fourth episode.

The show airs Wednesdays at 10 p.m. on ETC and SBN21, showcasing the most promising Filipino talents in fashion design and is the local version of the hit US reality TV series.

Drool Barrymore and girls gone wild

RUSHES SPECIAL

By the Entertainment Staff

Curry contestant

Girls gone wild 1

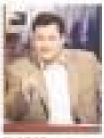
Girls gone wild 2

War of news divas

Careful



AMY Winehouse ...again. AP



Winehouse

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Laugh stories







LEARNING



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Web, labs come to Mindanao

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New frontiers open for learners in southern Philippines

Peace zone

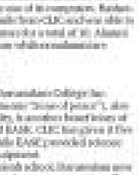
Top of the hill

Lower dropout rate

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3 PRINCIPALS



STUDENTS

For August winner, teaching is communication

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Challenging

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RUEL M. MAGPAYNES, August lesson plan contest winner, with [illegible]

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FILM director Marye J. de los Reyes, president of the UP College of Mass Communication Alumni Association, with the other members of the organizing committee for the grand alumni homecoming, "UP Mass Comm and You: Memories atbp..." on Sept. 27

UP Mass Comm to hold alumni homecoming, memorabilia sale on Sept. 27

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES College of Mass Communication [illegible]

PNU marks 107th foundation day

THE PHILIPPINE NORMAL University (PNU) marks its 107th foundation anniversary Sept. 1-6. [illegible]

New holder of JRU professorial chair

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TIP Manila honors achievers

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UE STUDENT TOPS ACCOUNTING SHOWDOWN

UNIVERSITY of the East-Manila College of Business Administration (UE-CBA) [illegible]

Free entrance test at Angelicum College on Sept. 14

THE ANGELICUM COLLEGE [illegible]

Maryknoll/Miriam homecoming

THE MARYKNOLL HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1983 [illegible]

Informatics lions join NAASCU

INFORMATICS LIONS, the basketball players of Informatics Philippines, [illegible]



MIRIAM COLLEGE and the municipality of Teresa, Rizal have signed a memorandum of agreement (MOA) for the implementation of the educational outreach project Lingap Batiti. [illegible]



CLASS ACT.

All it takes to change one life is a chance

By Christine F. Lee

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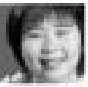
SEN. MAR ROXAS signals the start of GRF's 50th year celebrations.



THE LATE statesman's widow, Judy Araneta Roxas

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